

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, applicant has corrected the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120. Specifically, applicant has corrected the reference in the first paragraph of the specification to indicate the application number of the parent application, United States Patent Application No. 09/664,297 (hereafter "the '297 application"). The previous reference in the specification to the parent application did not provide the application number. Applicant has also clarified that the '297 application claims priority from Provisional Application Nos. 60/193,580 and 60/154,737.

The filing date of the '297 application is September 18, 2000. Thus, applicant has submitted this reference within sixteen months from the filing date of the prior application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

Applicant further provides an Applicant Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(a)(5) and a substitute Declaration and Power of Attorney, both of which indicate the correct claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed.

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